

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

40.(New) The process according to claim 2 which comprises precipitating a complex of a compound of the formula (III-1) and a Lewis acid.

41.(New) The process according to claim 3 wherein a Lewis acid is zinc chloride, stannic chloride or ferric chloride.

42.(New) The process according to any one of claims 2, 3, 40 or 41 wherein R^3 is methyl.

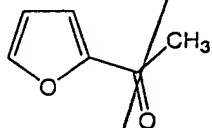
43.(New) The process according to any one of claims 2, 3, 40-42 wherein R^1 and R^2 each is hydrogen.

44.(New) The process according to any one of claims 2, 3, 40-43 wherein R^4 is 4-fluoro.

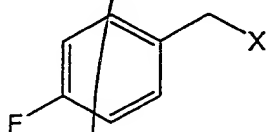
45.(New) A process for the preparation of a compound of the formula:



which comprises reacting a compound of the formula:



with a compound of the formula:

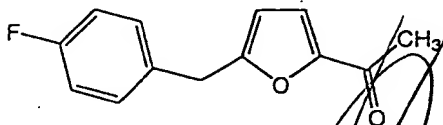


wherein X is halogen,

in the presence of a Lewis acid.

46.(New) The process according to claim 45 wherein a reaction solvent is methylene chloride.

47.(New) The process according to claim 46 which comprises precipitating a complex of a compound of the formula:



and a Lewis acid.

48.(New) The process according to claim 45 wherein a reaction solvent is water.

49.(New) The process according to claim 48 wherein a Lewis acid is zinc chloride, stannic chloride or ferric chloride.